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I assume this is the "NUMBY" article
<http://motherjones.com/environment/2009/11/not-under-my-backyard>

Dave

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Re: Fw: Thank you 📎

David Albright

to: Adam Freedman

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Cc: R9-Deep

This is a nice summary. Anyone have a copy of the Mother Jones article?

Adam Freedman---02/01/2010 02:45:24 PM---I just received this overview of the public meeting that Shell/WESTCARB had with 100+ local resident

From: Adam Freedman/R9/USEPA/US
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Subject: Fw: Thank you

I just received this overview of the public meeting that Shell/WESTCARB had with 100+ local residents last week. Sounds like the types of concerns that we would have anticipated were indeed raised -- having scientists and local government on hand was a good idea, as they were able to address the technical and oversight aspects of the project themselves (listening exclusively to Shell reps, I believe, would likely have changed the tenor of the meeting). Good first step.

-Adam

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Adam,

It was a pleasure to spend time with you and David last week. Thanks again for taking the time to visit with us. I am glad we had a chance to introduce you to our extended team and DOE representatives, tour the demonstration location, and spend time with the County representatives. Please see below for a summary of the open house. Overall I believe it was a great success. Please pass this message and our thanks along to David as well.

Northern California CO2 Reduction Project

Summary of Open House, Jan. 28, 2010

On Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, approximately 120 people attended an open house hosted by the West Coast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership (WESTCARB) and Shell at DH White Elementary School in Rio Vista, Calif. The open house provided residents from Rio Vista and surrounding communities with the opportunity to learn more about the Northern California CO2 Reduction Project proposed for the nearby Montezuma Hills.

Goals:

- Achieve a positive first impression that promotes an open and honest dialogue on the project.
- Gather additional insight from the public regarding their concerns, areas where we need to improve education/information.
- Gauge level of community interest (number of attendees, questions, engagement, request for project presentations, etc).

- Gauge level of media interest (media inquiries, coverage and follow up).

Event Format:

- The event was held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the local elementary school (the common time and location for Rio Vista community meetings), and utilized local catering services
- The open house offered seven different information stations, with multiple project representatives, including technical experts available to answer residents' questions one-on-one. Each station also included easel displays, laminates materials and takeaway collateral materials, relative to the subject matter.
- Guests were encouraged to sign in, and were provided with a comment card and a project business card that included local contact information and online resources.

Attendance:

- More than 100 people attended the open house.
- Residents at the open house were primarily from the town of Rio Vista, but residents from other nearby communities attended as well, e.g., Vacaville, Bird's Landing and Fairfield.
- Approx. five county and city officials attended the event.
- The majority of attendees represented the 50 years-and-older segment of the local community.
- Representatives from local civic and service clubs attended, e.g., Lion's Club, Rotary and Rio Vista Chamber.
- A number of residents that attended have worked in the natural gas industry and were familiar with certain technologies and aspects of the Northern California CO2 Reduction Project.

Community Feedback:

Positive Outcomes:

- One elected official commented that they liked the “station” format. According to them it “forced” the attendees to recognize the fact that the project was a collaborative approach. The project involved not just Shell, but universities as well as state and local governments. The various participants put a “face” on the project.
- The format also enabled the attendees to engage in a more personal one-to-one approach with the various Shell and WESTCARB technical experts and project leads. In addition, attendees were able to gather more information about the project specifics that interested those most.
- Local Chamber is interested in hosting another presentation for the project. They are interested in the potential benefit to the community in terms of added revenue for local businesses, job, etc. Showed initial support for project.
- Several service clubs are interested in project speakers for their meetings demonstrating an interest in the community to learn more.
- There was an abundance of information available to all attendees in the form of easel displays, laminate materials and handouts, in addition to the numerous experts available. Attendees also appreciated the comment card that enabled them to consider additional questions, and submit by mail.
- Several attendees attended the meeting prepared with information they found online, much of which came from the WESTCARB project Web site. This provided a good overview of the Northern California CO2 Reduction Project.
- Multiple attendees requested that their services be considered for various construction aspect of the project.

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Concerns:

- Impact (positive or negative) of CO2 underground storage on local air quality.

- Concerns regarding additional truck traffic (bringing the CO2 in to store underground) on the local roads.
- Lack of understanding as to how CO2 is trapped underground and secured.
- Potential benefits this project would have for the community.
- Reassurance the wells could withstand a naturally occurring earthquake
- Any potential impact on the water table and drinking water from CO2 underground storage.
- Questions around the future of the project, beyond the small scale.

Media Coverage:

Advance coverage:

· The *Fairfield Daily Republic* published an overview of the proposed Northern California CO2 Reduction Project two days before the open house. The story referred to both the small and large projects, included quotes from WESTCARB Spokesman Adam Gottlieb and City Councilmember Ron Jones, and provided the open house meeting details. Access story online here: <<<http://search.dailyrepublic.com/display.php?id=19162>>>

· The *River News-Herald & Isleton Journal* published an article about the proposed project the day before the open house. The story included information on a previous CO2 storage project proposed for the town of Thornton (close to Rio Vista) that was met with public resistance. The article also cited *Mother Jones* story “Not Under My Backyard” on CCS that was published in late 2009.

· The Rio Vista Advocate community news website posted a brief that included the open house event details and a short project summary.

On site media:

· The *Rio Vista Beacon* local newspaper sent a photographer to the open house to take images to accompany a story summarizing the open house to be published in the coming week.

· Victoria Schlesinger, *Mother Jones* journalist (and author of the “Not Under My Backyard” article on the Thornton project), attended and spoke with Adam Gottlieb of the California Energy Commission, and Shell representatives Edward Hymes and Barbara Kornyo.

Please advise should you require additional information.

Thank you,

Edward

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